



## Deadly Labs Kit “Bush Soapmaking”

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It’s an honour to share with you the Deadly Labs Bush Soapmaking Guide & Kit, a project that has been deeply rooted in the knowledge and traditions of the Robinson River community.

Working alongside local knowledge holders and Elders, we have created a kit that not only teaches children about traditional soap but also highlights the importance of good hygiene, particularly handwashing. The pride and passion with which the Robinson River community has helped build this kit is something truly special. By incorporating their wisdom, we’ve been able to deliver a resource that connects the past with the present, teaching kids how to care for themselves while keeping cultural practices alive.

This kit is much more than just a tool for learning about soap-making; it’s about empowering children with knowledge that can change their lives. By understanding the traditional practices of our ancestors, young people gain a deeper respect for both their culture and their health. It’s an opportunity to bridge the gap between STEM education and First Nations perspectives, showing that culture and modern science can work hand in hand.

At DeadlyScience, we recognise the importance of collaborating with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and knowledge holders to build these kits. Not only do they help us preserve and pass on cultural knowledge, but they also support teachers in delivering First Nations perspectives in the classroom. This work is vital for the future, as it ensures that cultural wisdom remains a part of STEM education and continues to inspire future generations. Through projects like the Deadly Labs Bush Soapmaking Guide & Kit, we can help shape a brighter future for young people, one where they feel empowered, connected to their culture, and inspired to make a positive impact on the world.

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